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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING TISSUE ENGINEERED BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicants herewith submit the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed:

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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form(s) PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Copies of these documents (CHECK ONE):

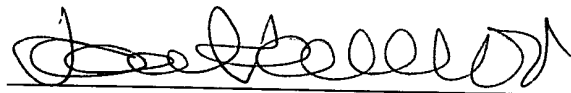
- X are enclosed herewith; and
- have been cited in the parent application, and are thus not being resubmitted herein.
- A copy of the International Search Report from its corresponding PCT application is also enclosed herewith.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Should any fees associated with the submission be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0850. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAM. INITIALS		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	INVENTOR/ASSIGNEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,899,937	5/4/99				
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	AC	6,121,042	9/19/00				
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	CA	Hoerstrup, et al. (2000), <i>Tissue Engineering</i> , Volume 6, Number 1:75-79					

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